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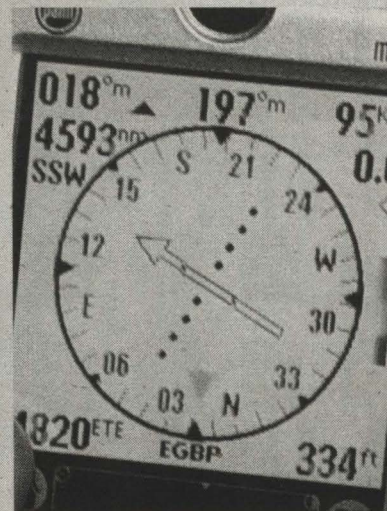
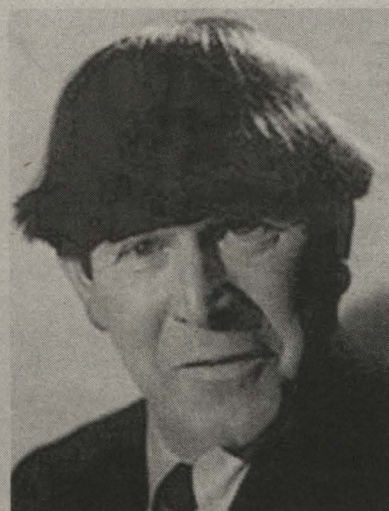
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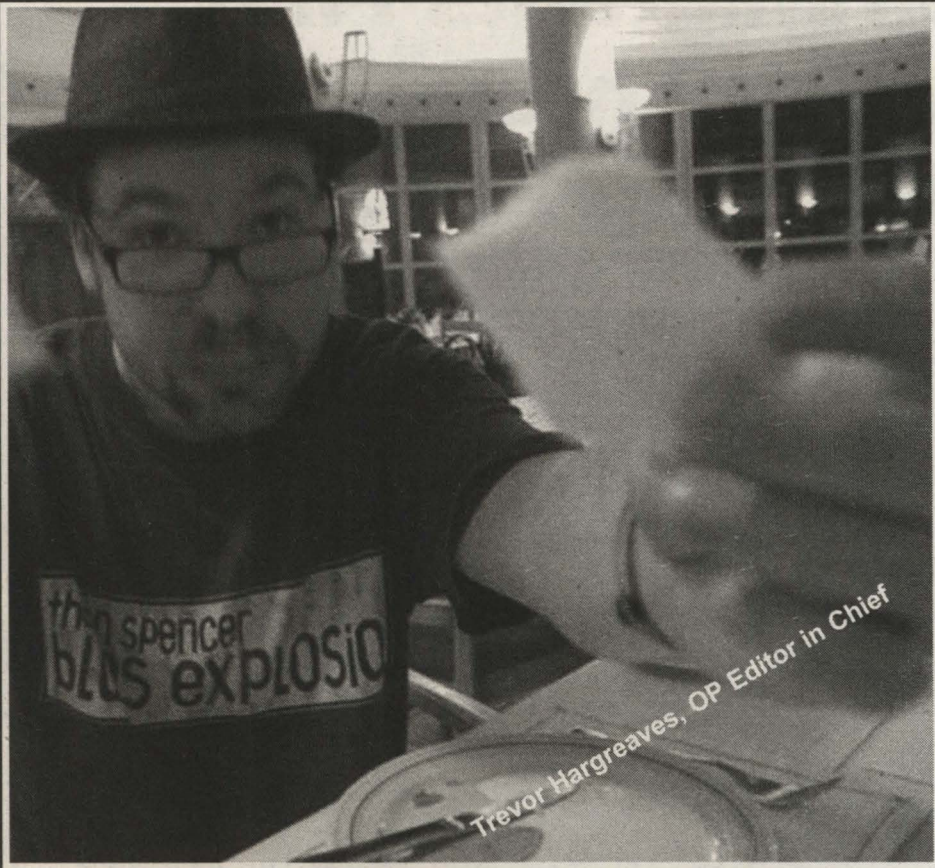
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Trevor Hargreaves, OP Editor in Chief

As I write this, I'm in the midst of recovering from five days of dramatically late nights and even earlier mornings while attending the 69th annual National Canadian University Press Conference which was held right here in rainy-ass Vancouver. Surrounded by 350 of my fellow student journalists; we celebrated our collective underpay and appreciation for alcohol as I have many other times at similar CUP events.

And what did I take away from this latest experience, you ask? Frankly, I've been asking myself the same question for the last few days while I zombify my way through my regular routine. Over-all, what I gleaned from this particular event is that the culture of student press is much like any other intermingling of humanity. There are some astute and ambitious types that impress you with their morality and desire to achieve, and then there are...the OP staff. Just kidding. Except in description of you Kevin Lalonde!

No overall, I have to say that I walk away from our yearly conferences overwhelmed by what a great bunch of people are associated with campus publications. The hyper intelligent are mixed right in with the mildly insane, and sometimes, it's hard to tell the difference. I spent the last few days taking in the wise words of media luminaries such as Ian Hanomansing, Jian Ghomeshi and even ex-Kid In The Hall David Foley. After paying careful attention to all three of them, I concluded one obvious fact: Those boys ain't got nothin' on Kevin Lalonde. He's like butter. Inside and out. So don't miss the A&E Section this week!

Trev Hargreaves
Editor In Chief
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Local Women Activists Take Aim at Cuts to Childcare in BC

Nicole Burton, OP News Editor

The recent announcement of cuts to child care in BC is anti-woman and pro-privatization, claims a local women's rights activist.

On January 7, 2007, Minister of State for Child Care, Linda Reid, announced that the BC government would decrease its Child Care Operating Funding by approximately \$40 per child per month, and would cap the number of new centers able to access the funding program as of July 2007. Child care Resource and Referral Programs will also see funding slashed to the pre-Early Learning and Child care Agreement levels in April 2007.

"Cuts to child care centers will hit working class women hard," asserts Suzanne Baustad, a local women's rights activist. "In a country like Canada, it's working women who provide

the majority of unpaid and unrecognized care for our children. With even deeper cuts to child care, we are left scrambling to make do."

Baustad added, "With child care centers losing even more funding and struggling to continue operating, the cost of these cuts will fall onto mothers and child care workers, who are predominantly women. Claiming that we can pay for cuts to child care using the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) is a sham. These cuts hit working, single mothers the hardest."

Baustad and other Vancouver women agree that without a universal, national, not-for-profit child care system in Canada, "communities will continue to be vulnerable."

Immigrants Find Jobs Through Award-Winning Program

Douglas program focuses on adding Canadian work experience to resumes

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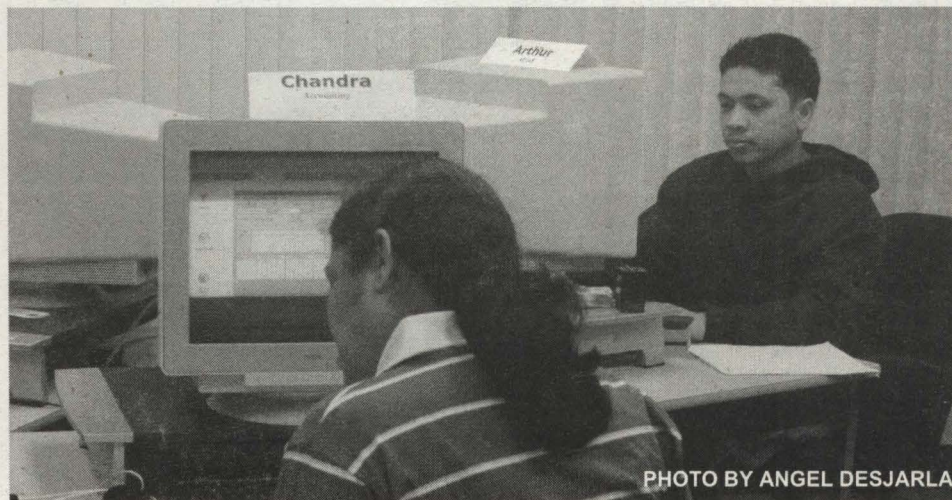


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The Practice Firm, an award-winning program at Douglas College, helps immigrants develop business, communication and job search skills to overcome the challenges of working in a new country.

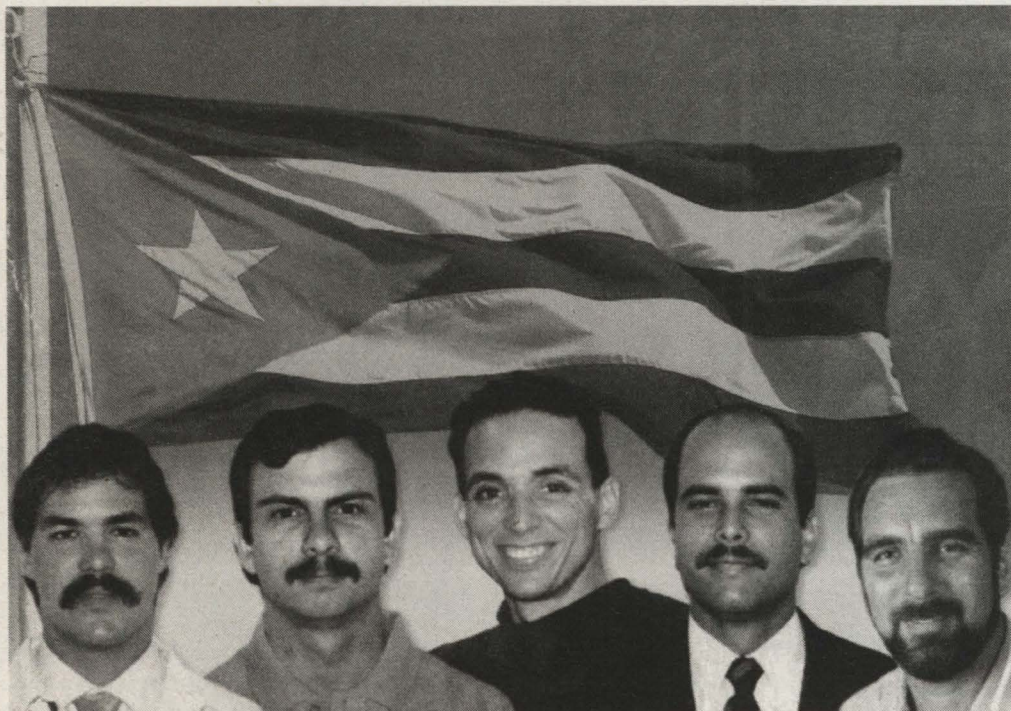
"It is a unique program that simulates the day-to-day operation of a Canadian company by combining business operations with workplace culture," said Cheryl Hagan, Program Manager. "With a strong focus on communication, our clients develop both the hard and soft skills required for a successful introduction into the Canadian workforce."

In 2006, The Practice Firm won Program of the Year award from the Employment Network Education and Training (ENET) Society for program innovation as well as their achievements in assisting immigrants in obtaining employment in Canada in their field of training or expertise.

The Practice Firm serves immigrants who have education or experience in business, are entitled to work in Canada, are unemployed or underemployed and meet the eligibility guidelines set by Service Canada. The program provides up to 12 weeks of work experience in a simulated full-cycle business operations center which is mentored by a local company.

Clients gain experience in accounting, customer service, marketing, purchasing and web design. Assisted by one-to-one coaching, they also develop tools for employment success such as resume writing and career portfolio development. Immigrants leave the program with local work references and the confidence to enter the Canadian labour force.

The Practice Firm has an ongoing registration and is offered at the Douglas College Surrey Training Centre. It is funded by Service Canada (Surrey). To find out more call 604.588.7772 or email practicefirm@douglas.bc.ca



Event You Don't Want to Miss This Week:

On Tuesday, January 30th, activists will stage a protest picket at the US Consulate to demand freedom for five political prisoners currently held in U.S. jails: Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González and René González. To people all over the world, they are known as "the Cuban Five."

"The Cuban Five" are five Cuban men who are in US prison, serving four life sentences and 75 years collectively, after being convicted in a U.S. federal court in Miami on June 8, 2001. Their court case, the longest in US history and highly controversial has received a curious silence from US media.

By the end of the trial, the "Five" were accused by the US government of committing espionage conspiracy against the United States and other related charges. Over 250 committees have been established in the United States and around the world in response, demanding immediate freedom for the prisoners.

For more information about the case or the work of Vancouver's chapter of the Free the Cuban Five Committee, visit www.freethefive.org

Douglas Student Union Impeachment movement Falls Flat

December special general meeting failed to meet quorum

Iain W. Reeve, OP Contributor

The movement to impeach the Douglas College Student Union (DSU) ended in defeat over the holidays, as the special general meeting failed to meet quorum, making any vote to remove the embattled DSU irrelevant.

However, several issues around the meeting have arisen, causing some to question the fairness of the proceedings.

The meeting, which took place on November 10 at Douglas' New Westminster campus, required a quorum of 75 people for motions made within that meeting to be considered valid. Leading up to the date, organizers were confident that this number would be reached.

However, on the day of the meeting, Douglas College closed early due to weather conditions after 5:00 p.m.

While the meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m., and students began to arrive around this time, the meeting was not called to order until around 5:15 p.m., said one attendee.

When one student asked the chair how the meeting could continue when it had been called after the college had officially closed the school,

the chair responded that the meeting had been called for 4:30, before the 5:00 closure. The student then pointed out that the meeting actually began after 5:00, but this comment was dismissed.

There were also reports that several students, "about 25 people or so," signed in at the desk outside, but refused to enter the room. Word was that they were waiting outside and, in the event that the meeting met quorum, would have entered in order to "stock the crowd" with DSU supporters.

In any event, the students of Douglas College have not voted to impeach their student union, which will now remain in office through this semester until new elections take place in the spring.

The student union will be tasked with setting their books straight in order to renew their funding. They must also, however, contend with a lawsuit from the college, delayed since November, which will attempt to force them into receivership.



International Students Should Get Medical Coverage: Student

Katie Hyslop, The Muse (Memorial University of Newfoundland)



T. JOHN'S, NL (CUP)—Sylvia Reitmanova had no idea about international student issues until her Palestinian friend's Canadian-born baby was denied provincial medical coverage.

"I was very surprised because I thought that a Canadian-born child was a Canadian citizen, and is eligible for this card," said Reitmanova in reference to Newfoundland's Medical Care Plan (MCP) card. The parents were told their child could get the card when he was 18, and until then his insurance comes from his parents.

"His status is undermined by his parents' status," Reitmanova said.

Confused about international students' rights, the PhD student researched the Canada Health Act for a project in a health policy class at the Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN).

She discovered that the children of international students should be covered by provincial medical plans—as should the students themselves, because they are considered temporary residents of Canada.

"In seven provinces, this is not the case; in seven provinces they do not consider international students to be Canadian residents when it comes to medical plan coverage," said Reitmanova. "But when it comes to paying taxes they become residents."

These provinces and territories include Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Quebec, Nunavut, the Yukon, and Prince Edward Island. As of 2005, this affected over 85,000 international students.

According to Reitmanova's research into the Canada Health Act and the Immigrant and Refugee Protection Act, a resident of

Canada is defined as someone who is lawfully entitled to reside and remain in Canada, a present citizen of the province they live in, and someone who has made a home in Canada—all of which she says apply to international students.

This issue is nothing new to some groups. The Newfoundland and Labrador chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has been lobbying for international student medical coverage for more than two years.

According to Jessica Magalios, provincial CFS president, the effort has had its challenges.

"The MUN administration was not interested in helping students with our lobby efforts whatsoever," she said, adding that the CFS sent letters to Axel Meisen, president of the university, requesting his endorsement of the campaign.

Magalios claims the administration changed its mind this past summer when the provincial government made it clear that they would be introducing international student insurance policy in their highly anticipated immigration policy, due sometime this spring.

The CFS was not the only one to notice a lack of co-operation from the university. Reitmanova had hoped that the university would champion the cause once informed of the possible rights infringements. She soon learned otherwise.

Unsure of the legality of her research, she asked the administration for assistance in obtaining a lawyer to verify her information.

"They said it is not their responsibility, they are concerned with other issues, they are

not concerned with this issue," said Reitmanova. "I was told that the university was discussing and negotiating with the government the benefits of covering international students, and they are hopeful that the government will release the new immigration strategy and the new policy for health insurance coverage for international students will be there."

Lilly Walker, dean of student affairs and services, denies ever lobbying against international student health coverage, and claims the administration has been behind the movement since it was raised by the graduate students union in 2004.

"They [the graduate students union] wanted us to support their initiative so we then took that to the president, and the president wrote a letter to the government, again supporting their position but also supporting the university's position which includes an important initiative. Then he did that in a subsequent letter which again reinforced the initiative," said Walker.

She says that she advised Reitmanova to publish her findings in an academic journal, and let readers critique her report for any legal mistakes. Reitmanova says that she has an editor now, and is planning to publish her article very soon.

Reitmanova says the government should be brought to justice for this violation.

"My question is, how should these families feel about Canada when it is a country that likes to take from them, but doesn't like to give back? And when they speak about it, no one wants to listen."

Another Bush Article

Brady Ehler, OP Opinions Editor



I know, I know, we are all tired of hearing about how bad a president George Walker Bush is. Everyone and their cat have written about the impotence of Jr. as a president, or at least ranted to their friends about it. Sorry to join the throngs, but after watching his recent interview on *60 Minutes*, I felt that I should say my piece.

After Bush first won presidency in 2001, people bashed Bush constantly by attacking his intelligence. People would claim that he was a simple country bumpkin who had no clue about how to run a nation. Among dissenters, the common sentiment was that Bush was a total moron; he lost the popular vote for good reason, and that it was only because of his name that he won the presidency at all. This was an opinion that I shared.

When he was re-elected in 2004, people took a different approach. Suddenly Bush wasn't an idiot at all—he was some sort of evil genius and his redneck veneer was merely a clever disguise. This was an opinion I did not share; I was always of the mindset that Bush secured the vote because he was out

there “fighting the war on terrorism.” The American people were still shaken from 9/11 and had a big thirst for blood. Having recently invaded Afghanistan and subsequently Iraq (under false pretenses), Bush was in the position to give it to them by the barrel. Killing the “bad guys” doesn't make President Texas Ranger a genius; it means he's listening to his staff.

Let's fast-forward three years to the present. The American public seems to have come to their senses; Bush's approval rating is hovering at just over the 30% line. Bush still hasn't caught Osama Bin Laden. He did catch Saddam and had him hung, but that doesn't seem to be enough for the civilians. After no weapons of mass destruction were found, people started feeling lied to about Iraq, and as a result, Saddam's new neck tie didn't cheer people up as much as Jr. thought it might. I have to give him some credit though; the slight-of hand that shifted focus from Afghanistan to Iraq was a good trick, but even the slow-witted American masses are starting to catch on.

Last time around, Bush bought a republican presidency with war. The timing was good, so it worked. This time the same tactics were received terribly by the American people. Bush refuses to leave the comedy of errors that is the Iraq war, and continues to increase the resources going into the war effort. The President claimed on the previously mentioned *60 Minutes* interview that, “I am proud of the efforts we did. We liberated that country from a tyrant. I think the Iraqi people owe the American people a huge debt of gratitude, and I believe most Iraqis express that.”

Unfortunately, the reality is that most Iraqis do not feel they owe America a huge debt of gratitude, and I think this is reflected in the state of the war. Bush is now pushing to send another 20,000 US troops to Iraq, even though 50% of Americans feel that the US should pull out. In addition, only 42% of US citizens think it is somewhat likely that the US will succeed in Iraq and 45% feel it is not likely or not at all likely.

Personally, I feel it depends on the amount of troops the US continues to pour in, but if they continue going the way they're going, the current Administration is going to drive the economy into the ground. And what if they win? Will hatred of the US in the Middle East suddenly vanish? Will the Iraqis forgive the US for raping and pillaging their country? Will all prospective kamikaze terrorists merely throw up their hands and say, “oh well, I guess I'm an American now?”

Bush's tactic is clear, and he will not budge—he is going to try to buy the Republicans their presidency with war, and now that he only has a year left, he's making a big push. This does not seem like the work of a genius to me, it sounds like the work of one-trick pony. The striking thing though, is that after watching him interviewed, I felt that Bush genuinely believed in the war. Not just as a political tool, but as a truly noble, if not, holy mission. Like Hitler as the Sherman tanks rolled into Berlin, Bush just doesn't seem to see failure as an option. In conclusion, my long-standing stance that George Bush was an idiot has come under question. Is he an idiot, or just completely bat-shit insane?



Iain vs. Tipping

Iain W. Reeve, OP Assistant Editor

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There are a great many weird little customs that exist in our society. Few people can really explain why they exist, or where they came from, or why they still exist today. One of the most frustrating in my experience as a rather prolific restaurant patron is tipping.

Before continuing, it is important that I get a couple things out of the way. First off I am not cheap. Any criticisms I have of tipping are not a desperate attempt to save money so much as they are problems with the logical irregularities that go into it. Second, I have sympathy for people who wait tables and believe they deserve to make decent money.

However, it is in the area of pay that I came to hate tipping as a matter of principle. Before getting into the newspaper business I held down a series of retail jobs. I never got

into the food industry because I hate preparing food, am not a good cleaner, and, as a vegetarian, am not so hot with the idea of handling meat. As such I was forced to work for a shit wage, doing shit work, and making absolutely no tips. Thinking I still believe rightly, that restaurant work is not *that much* harder than retail work, this disparity troubled me greatly. And I must say, even though I don't work in the retail industry anymore, it still kinda does.

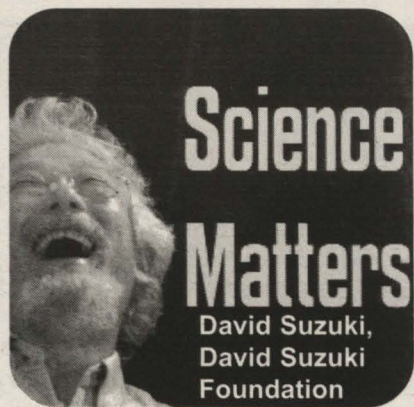
But let's unpack these issues and get to what is really wrong with tipping, besides my personal bitterness. First off, tipping is gender biased. Everyone who has worked anywhere near anyone who has ever worked at a restaurant will tell you that girls make better tips than guys. Not because they're better, not because they're more patient, but because they have

boobs, and guys will pay extra for that.

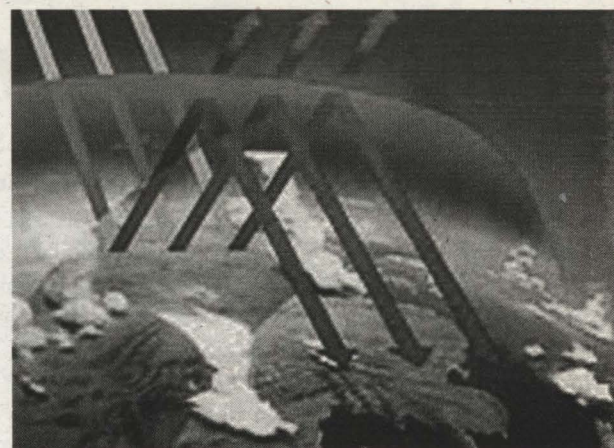
Second, The system for determining how much to tip, or if you should tip at all, is total nonsense. Everyone seems to agree on some magic formula of 10-20%. What I have always wondered is why I should tip more just because my meal is more expensive? Does the price of the meal somehow make the plate heavier, or more difficult to bring to my table thus indicating that more work was done? Not usually.

This brings me to the last, and perhaps most damning piece of anti-tipping rhetoric. Tipping is a scam. Not by the workers, who actually need the money, but by restaurant owners. Think about it. Basic economics tells us that workers, given the choice between different positions of similar stress and workload will choose ones which pay more money. As a result of tipping, working at restaurants and bars can be more lucrative than working at most retail jobs. This means more applicants, and through the glory of choice, better staff. However, they are not paying any more for this super staff than retail stores pay for theirs. Basically, we are picking up the slack and paying their employees to work there. So, while we may be putting a little extra cash in the pockets of folks who need it, we are subsidizing the jerk-ass owners and relieving them of the responsibility to pay their people a decent wage.

Maybe this is all just bitter nonsense. But if you think about it, wouldn't it be much easier if restaurants just paid their employees more and added that into the price of food. If nothing else it would make it easier to figure out who pays what when you have dinner with a bunch of friends. If we could just get that done and also get stores to calculate tax into their posted prices so you actually know how much something costs, the world would be a much easier place.



Canadians Aren't Afraid of Change



ight now, the environment is hot. Literally and figuratively. Much of North America has hardly had a winter this year, and the media and politicians have finally caught on to the fact that Canadians now cite environmental issues as among their biggest concerns.

You know the environment has become a big deal when Alberta's own Stephen Harper starts talking about it. He's doing it through gritted teeth, certainly, but he knows he has to say something. Polling shows that his party is very vulnerable on the issue. As well it should be, considering his lame efforts to date.

But while the public is pushing Prime Minister Harper forward, some pundits are pushing him back, saying that Canadians aren't ready for real change. They insist that any leader who tries to make the changes necessary to curb global warming and put Canada on the path to being an environmentally sound leader will suffer politically because Canadians don't really want to pay for a cleaner environment, even if they say they

Wrong—on at least two accounts. First, pollution and poor environmental practices

are already costing us dearly in terms of our health and our international reputation, as well as in cold, hard cash. We spend billions on the health affects of air pollution alone.

Second, Canadians know that real environmental change can only be accomplished if we all take part. That requires domestic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions within a global framework like Kyoto. And it requires changes in rules and laws to ensure that we all are playing on an even field. This is the role of government—to work with other nations internationally, and develop policies domestically, to encourage more sustainable choices and behaviours.

Free market ideologues might now be jumping up and down screaming about how government shouldn't interfere in the market. Nonsense. As Canada's great economic thinker John Kenneth Galbraith pointed out, government has a clear role in making the market work towards a common goal. Canada, as all other industrialized nations, has never had a pure market economy. Government has always played a role in the expansion and shaping of the Canadian economy, from the building of the railroad

to creation of the Auto Pact. Industry responds to more than price signals in the market. Fiscal policy (such as taxes and subsidies) as well as regulations, also guides decision-making in corporate boardrooms.

The free market wonks are right in that Canadians who really want environmentally sustainable goods and services can already hunt them down and purchase them. But the fact that so many of us don't choose more sustainable options is not because we don't care or aren't willing to pay slightly more for them, but because we don't have enough information, can't find the best options or don't know where to look. And when we do find them, because of subsidies or rules favouring the status quo, the most sustainable option can be prohibitively expensive.

Government's role is to advance the public good. On the environment, that means enacting visionary new laws and policies to move us towards a sustainable economy. Certainly, there would be griping and moaning and complaining from some circles. But the reality is, Canadians are tough and practical. We know that our environmental record stinks and we know that global warming is a

very serious problem that will harm our health and our economy. We're willing to pull up our bootstraps to make things happen. But we need direction from our leaders to ensure that everyone plays by the same rules. It's only fair.

Polls show that Canadians are genuinely concerned about our country's flagging environmental record and what that means for our health and our future. They are expecting politicians at all levels to be upfront, pragmatic and committed to working towards a more environmentally sustainable future. Politicians and pundits can squabble amongst each other about the public's appetite for change, but the public is already ahead of them. And this time, lame efforts won't cut it.

Take the Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.



The First Round is on Me

Denis Orellana, OP Contributor

Four million and counting, that's the amount Enone Rosas deposited into her account a couple of weeks ago as the winner of the Lotto 6/49. Upon realizing that she was the newest multi-millionaire on her block, she fainted—not once, but twice. Soon after, she told her husband the good news; shortly, he quit one of his two jobs. The poor fellow hadn't taken a day off in ten years.

Stories of hard working people who strike it big warm up my otherwise self-centered little heart. As a child I recall the grand illusion that one day I would be the winner of a million dollars. I remember thinking from that day on I would be able to buy whatever my little heart desired—which at that time was a shopping list branded with sour candy labels and mountains of cheeseburgers—and maybe if I had enough money left over I would buy my mom a new blender, or something nice like that. I was quite thoughtful in my younger years.

I have celebrated many birthdays since those dreams of grandeur. And in the last couple of years I have awakened to the realities of a booming real estate market, and the

fact that I may never see that greasy mountain of cheeseburgers I longed for as a child. The thought of a million dollars just isn't as appealing as it used to be, I need more.

The only time I play the lotto nowadays is when the jackpot is in the double digits. But even then I get discouraged at the thought that if I lived in the US or Europe I would have a chance at one of those mega jackpots that reach the hundred million mark. Those winnings make a couple of million dollars seem like pocket change.

My idea of lotto rich involves a huge mansion; several fancy cars, the trophy wife, and being labeled "new money." I do realize this is probably the reason why I will never be one of those deserving people like Enone Rosas and her husband who are now enjoying a well-deserved holiday.

In my hands, these measly lotto winnings would pay off: my parent's mortgage, a condo out in the boonies, and the first round at the bar. And if the tender was lucky enough he might even get tipped. Needless to say—sorry honey, no diamond ring yet, a couple of million just isn't enough.

Swimming with the Manatease

Huge Manatease w/ Jump + Dash, National Shield, It's A Living Thing at Pat's Pub

Kevin Lalonde, OP Arts & Entertainment Editor

We here at the OP have been very busy little bees over the last week. Vancouver was fortunate enough to host 2007's Canadian University Press National conference this year so most of us spent the weekend downtown, rocking out like fiends at night, cowering from the bleak, rainy light during the day. If there's one thing that student journalists know how to do, it's party hearty.

Friday night was particularly raucous for us, as a dozen or two cab-loads of CUPpies headed down to Pat's Pub to catch the OP's own Huge Manatease, led by our illustrious leader, Trevor Hargreaves, kick out the jams along with several other bands.

Opening on Friday was National Shield whom many of you may know as Chris from local act Panurge. Chris's brand of gentle acoustic savorness was pretty solid, though to be honest, I was kind of busy schmoozing with the out-of-towners, and prodding myself further on along the way to getting mildly tanked.

Although the Huge Manatease weren't technically the headliner that night, it felt like they were. Decked out in wigs, crowns, and scarves, the 'Tease filled out their between-song banter with Dungeons and Dragons related diatribes, which surprisingly kept the crowd quite attentive as the occasional drunkard from Toronto would shout things like "My battle-axe beats your wooden staff 16 to 7," or perhaps "Dwarves rule!"

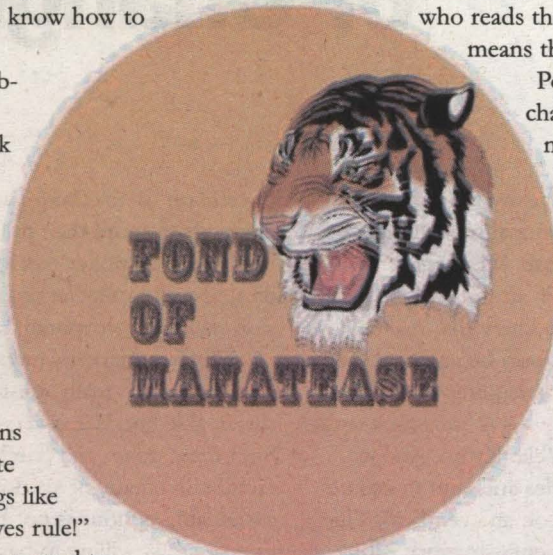
No one really believes me, but I often equate the Huge Manatease sound to being something like a blender-full of Moldy Peaches, Tenacious D, and the Microphones. The perky mix of plucky keyboard and Glöckenspiel brings a vastly more fun element to traditionally absurd indie rock songs like "Hand Cancer" or "These Pancakes Are For You."

Next up were Prince George ex-pats Jump + Dash, who are also Shindig battle of the band losers like the Huge Manatease. I'm very proud to say that Jump + Dash are shining proof that there are some great things that come from northern BC. Their guitar-heavy, ridiculously poppy indie rock doesn't so much make you feel like shaking your hips, but rather makes you wanna swing dance. Absurd rock anthems like "Invaders" (which coincidentally is about space invaders) and "Robots" (which, surprisingly enough, is about robots) seem to always keep the audience energized and excited, and, yeah, there was a lot of dancing. Shocking, I know. Dropping five bucks to catch Jump + Dash is always a good call, though even I'll admit that it would be nice to start hearing some new content from them. Oh well, I'm a patient

man.

Closing up were drum-guitar duo It's A Living Thing, who are also Shindig rejects. I should mention, by the way, that I don't mean to say "Shindig rejects" as a negative thing. Anyone who reads the OP knows that Shindig is a cavalcade of 27 awesome bands, which means that by the end, there are 26 awesome losers.

Point being, Interpol-esque guitar chords and solid, rhythmic percussion characterize the 'Thing, and served as a fantastic background to a blazing night of drinking, smoking, and drinking n' smoking at the same time. Now if only I can remember where I left my wallet, I could finally say that that was a rad night.



Geocaching: Like Hunting For Nerds

One part treasure hunt, one part GPS trek, geocaching is attracting enthusiasts from all over

Brendan Kergin, Nexus (Camosun College)

VICTORIA (CUP) — About a year and a half ago, I used a multi-million-dollar system of satellites and complicated computer equipment to go into a forest and find a damp and dirty piece of Tupperware. I opened it up, pulled out a small notebook, and wrote down the date, the words "Rogue Towel," and some other coded messages.

I quickly re-hid the small treasure box at the bottom of a stump and walked away, careful not to be spotted by the walkers on a nearby trail. I have since repeated this activity over 270 times, and it's fun.

These mysterious activities are part of a modern sport called "geocaching," and it's become a regular activity for me—before work, after school, or on the way to anywhere. I'll go find little treasure boxes, and trade away my swag for all new secondhand stuff.

I race other geocachers to new sites just to earn the honour being the first to find (FTF), and then meet them a week later to laugh at how we both snuck into a closed park at 2am only to be beaten by a third team.

There is a community of random people who participate in this pastime, which often starts out as a short adventure that becomes a full-time activity planned into a regular schedule, and then some.

The other great part about geocaching is it's fairly new. Rules are still being hashed out, associations just starting, and www.geocaching.com the nexus for almost all caches and geocachers out there is growing with each passing day. New options, players, and hide sites are added to the game daily too.

So what exactly is geocaching?

The basics

It's difficult to explain. The debate over just what exactly it is a sport, hobby, a game has never satisfactorily been resolved. To make it easier, geocaching is often referred to as hiking for nerds, though that doesn't quite pin it down.

"Alternative responsible park use," says Rob Gennell (whose caching name is Mushroom Doom). "There are other things that can be enjoyed in the public spaces other than just standing there and staring at the fountain."

Most people have heard of the Global Positioning System (GPS), a series of satellites that use triangulation software to give people the exact location of something on the surface of our fair planet, including themselves. This system is commonly used for everything from fishing, to flying planes, to hunting, so most of us have had contact with GPS in one form or another.

After the public GPS was made more accurate, there was a boom in GPS-related games using receivers known as GPSr. Included in this was a simple game called the GPS "stash hunt," later got renamed geocaching.

Starting in Oregon and quickly spreading up and down the coast and beyond, geocaching is now completely global, with 331,000 caches and counting worldwide.

The basic idea behind caching is to take the co-ordinates of an exact location from the

Internet, go to the location using a GPSr, and find something there. Normally it's a water-tight container of sorts, although sometimes it's a number or information that needs to be collected.

Beware the Muggles

One of the most common problems for a geocacher is dealing with "muggles." Taken from the Harry Potter word for normal folk, muggles are people who don't cache. Because they don't know about the game, muggles inadvertently find and destroy caches, thinking whatever they find is theirs to take, use, or throw away.

Then there are legal issues like property laws. Since many people mistake the caches for junk, certain matters need to be hammered out by the caching society so that the game can go on without any hitches.

Chris Edley (Mr. Landsharkz), director-at-large for the British Columbian Geocachers Association, is one of the people who represent the hobby. Edley is currently working with government agencies on issues and rules for caching in Victoria. "We're the public face for geocaching," he explains. "A lot of agencies are developing park policies and we represent the geocachers at the table."

A young history

David Ulmer is credited for inventing the game when he jumped at the opportunity to hide a bucket near Portland for other GPS enthusiasts. On May 3, 2000, he posted the co-ordinates and a short description of the bucket on an Internet newsgroup.

Within a day it was found, and the basic rules behind "the GPS stash hunt game" were established. Just a few days later, more stashes in other states started to appear on the same site.

In less than a month, the fledgling hobby had gone intercontinental, with Australia picking up on the idea. Eventually, Jeremy Irish registered www.geocaching.com, and the new site offers a much more user-friendly interface, centralized categorizing system, and a place to sell ad space, memberships, and even clothing. Despite heavy criticism from early cachers, who were at odds with the commercial and centralist aspects of Irish's initiative, the site became the biggest of its kind.

The numbers game

Countries such as India (21 active caches) and Brazil (86 active caches) are fairly sparse when gauged against geocache heavyweights like Canada (25,796) and Germany (25,129).

A GPSr costs upwards of \$400 from major hardware stores, although cheaper models can be found. Used models can be purchased from eBay for as low as \$60.

The fine art of the cache

While the original cache was a bucket hidden partway into the ground in a park outside of Portland, Ore., caches have developed into a few more common forms.

The traditional or go-to cache has one set of co-ordinates and a container placed somewhere at that physical location. It will contain at least one item; namely a logbook. This is for the finder to note they did indeed find the cache, and mention any other little things that come to mind.

Similar to a go-to is a multi, which requires a geocacher to go to a series of locations, either finding information, small containers, or numbers, which he or she must use to continue on. At the end there would be a container just like a traditional cache.

Containers or film canisters are hidden in random places, although parks are the popular choice. Many urban parks have at least one or two places where muggles don't look.

For the hardcore hikers or adventure-oriented people, caches can be found in challenging and unique places. One of the tallest steeples in the world has a cache within a few steps from the top, the Munich train station has another, and many islands or remote points of land in the Gulf Islands and around Vancouver Island have caches on them.

Some require scuba equipment or boats, while others require multi-day hikes into the wilderness.

The best part about all this though, is that it's good, clean fun. It's fairly safe, the environment is left relatively untouched, and it can be enjoyed by people of any age, group, or occupation.





Right Hook

JJ McCullough, OP Columnist

Who Cares about the Environment?

Electoral politics is just like any other form of aggressive marketing, really. Campaign managers concoct slogans and ad campaigns, re-enforce brand identities, and try to establish base loyalty. Like the most cunning advertisers, politicians are preoccupied with appearing fresh and dynamic, with values in sync with the changing demographics of their electorate. They cling remora-like to the latest fads and hot-button issues of our time, hoping desperately that their product will sell.

And just like in the corporate world, sometimes hype never materializes into success. As far as trendy political issues go, it seems the environment is the fad that can never quite break through. For at least a dozen years environmentalists have acted like over-enthusiastic hucksters, trying desperately to market their agenda to a largely indifferent political audience. "This year will be the year!" they say. "Get on board while you can with the issue of *the 21st Century*!"

To some extent it works. Politicians are gullible people after all. The first President Bush tried to market himself as the "environmental president" during his failed campaign for re-election, and Al Gore similarly made much of the issue when he came to power in the same year. His current noisy obsession with climate change has been interpreted by some as the first sounds of a possible political comeback. Former Speaker Newt Gingrich, another potential '08 presidential candidate, has likewise been keen to play up his own "green" credentials, scolding his fellow Republicans for their letting the left dominate the debate. Back in this country we've seen the rise of Stéphane Dion as Liberal leader, a man who's used the environment as a one-issue campaign. And then there was the whole cabinet shuffle terminating the career of the controversial environmental minister Rona Ambrose, a move all the big shot analysts have since described as an attempt to project a greener face on the Harper regime.

So green is clearly in. But is there anything to it? Growing up in the early 1990s, I can clearly remember when "the environment," as a single, cohesive issue first began to catch on. In elementary school we had to learn about the "three R's": reduce, reuse, and recycle, and brainstorm ways in which we could implement these sacred principles into our humdrum daily lives. When you're young, this all seems very exciting, and I can remember eagerly sorting our blue boxes and making crafts out of old tin cans and all the rest of it. But as you get older, the three R's evolve from being whimsical fun to a boring hassle. Saving the earth is all well and good, just as long as it doesn't involve, in the words of Monty Burns, "pawing through my garbage like some starved raccoon."

This is, in essence, the problem with "the environment" as an issue. It's

something that we can all nominally agree to care about, but few are prepared to go much farther than that. If the environment was truly the defining matter of our time, as the greenies allege, then one expects we would see far more grassroots initiatives from the concerned common-folk. People would stop driving their SUVs, take more public transit, litter less, turn down their thermostats, and retire en-mass from their sinful jobs at smog factories, pulp mills, and oil firms.

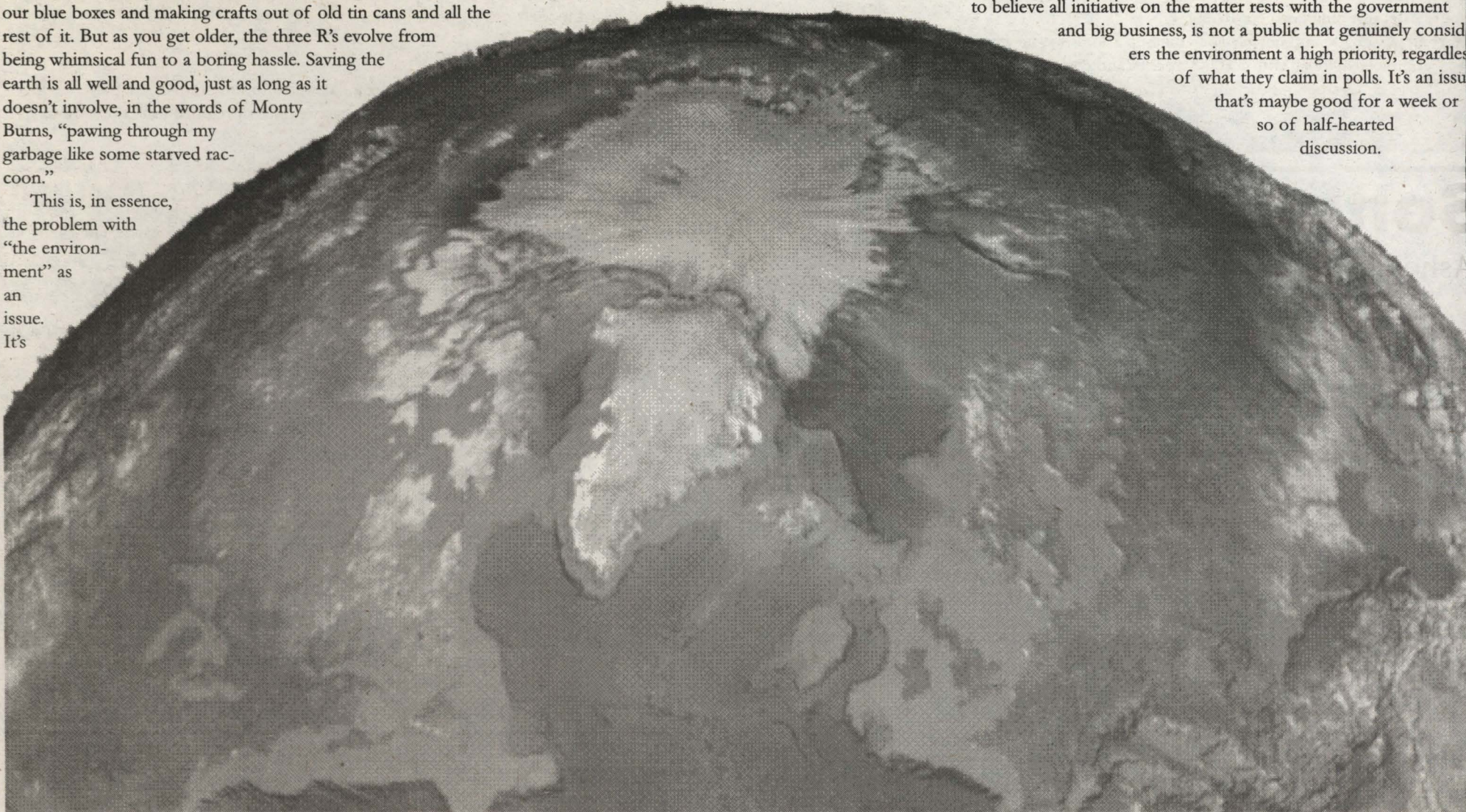
But they don't, so the ball has very much been in the government's court. As a result today's "green" initiatives are among the biggest of the big-government policies ever dreamed up in recent years. They are big to the point where they almost entirely transcend the lives and concerns of every single citizen, and focus attention solely on high-brown realms of corporate, federal, and international relevance. The debates are complex and confusing, and the policies even more so.

Take the Kyoto accord, for example, the supposedly quintessential issue of 21st Century environmentalism. Ten years later it remains little more than an enormously expensive collective guilt trip. As an international regime to curb greenhouse gasses it barely lives up to any of its own titles, as in practice the treaty has proven to be widely ignored when needed, undermined when obeyed, and inconsequential when successful. But none of this seems to matter much. No soccer moms are going to be making their key voting decisions based on which party has the most robust carbon credits regime.

As an electoral issue, the environment is one of the most superficial debates of our time. It plays to pre-existing biases on both sides of the political divide. Liberals will *always* accuse conservatives of being anti-environment, regardless of the facts—simply because it helps reinforce an image of the right as being in league with the forces of sadism and pollution-spewing big business. And Conservatives remain largely indifferent, turned off by the inherent flakiness and hyperbole of leading left-wing greenies like Al Gore and David Suzuki.

Should the environment be a bigger political priority? Probably. But if people genuinely care about green issues they should start championing them on a personal level. A public that is vaguely concerned with the state of the planet, but lazy and indifferent enough

to believe all initiative on the matter rests with the government and big business, is not a public that genuinely considers the environment a high priority, regardless of what they claim in polls. It's an issue that's maybe good for a week or so of half-hearted discussion.



Stuff I've Been Listening To

Luke Simcoe, OP Columnist

After compiling my year-end list, I thought I should hit you guys with a heads-up for 2007 before launching back into my column. First up is Cadence Weapon, a.k.a. Rollee Pemberton, who made the success of 2005's *Breaking Kayfabe* well into 2006. He's recently put the pen down and retired from his Razorblade Runner blog to focus on the rap game, so hopefully he'll be sending something new our way in 2007. In other exciting news, Spoon is putting the finishing touches on their latest, still-unnamed LP, so keep your eyes peeled for what will undoubtedly be another piece of Britt Daniel's musical fecundity. Also, Vixen and Tokyo Police Club are two excellent bands who've sustained their careers on EPs alone, and they should be putting out their respective full-lengths sometime this year. The Shins' *Wincing the Night Away* and Bloc Party's follow-up to *Silent Alarm* have leaked, so check them out, and lastly, stalwart soldier Ted Leo's latest is due out soon.

Downloaded:

Parts & Labor - *Stay Afraid*

Polysics - *Now Is the Time!*

Added To:

The Nature of Things - *The Nature of Things*



Parts & Labor - *Stay Afraid*

I first encountered Parts & Labor in *Streethawk's* (www.streethawkmagazine.com) list of their favourite songs of the year. *Stay Afraid* somehow manages to combine some of the best noise rock (think AIDS Wolf or something equally abrasive and inaccessible) that I've heard in a while with vocals and riffs that remind me of those melodic hardcore bands that I listened to when I was 15 (think Good Riddance or maybe even blink-182). Sometimes the two clash, but when they work well together, such as in the album's centerpiece, "New Buildings," the result is both confrontational and anthemic.



Polysics - *Now is the Time!*

Electro-power-pop from Japan sung in Japanese, English, and the band's own made-up space language. What more could you possibly want?! If that's not enough, the band started as a tribute to Devo, and they make us want to break-dance fight. Check 'em out at the Plaza on the January 26.



The Nature of Things - *The Nature of Things*

The Nature of Things is a local band who I've had the pleasure of seeing live a couple of times at both Pat's and The Lamplighter. The band's Myspace page claims that "outside sources have no bearing on that which we produce," but I wouldn't be surprised if the boys in the band spent their formative years dining on Trail of Dead and At The Drive-In while attending Red Light Sting shows and Greenpeace fundraisers. Anyway, their live show is solid, and I'm stoked that Vancouver has a decent agro band again, as our scene needs a shot in the arm to save it from its own incestuous pretentiousness.

Song of the Week:

"Ashes of American Flags" by Wilco

Pat Mackenzie, OP Columnist

Last week, *The Vancouver Sun* published a story based on the findings of a study that looked into Canadians' opinions on drug use. Specifically, the study found that roughly two thirds of Canadians agreed that drug addiction should be treated as a health issue and not a criminal one. Conversely, people that identified themselves as conservative, unsurprisingly thought that drug addiction should be treated as a criminal issue. That two thirds of Canadians believe that drug addiction should be regarded as a health concern is a heartening development and shows a not-often-seen display of wisdom by a public increasingly dissatisfied with the status quo. In the US, too, a social swelling of discontent can be seen in the turfing-out of publicans from Congress and the Senate and "President" Bush's rising unpopularity. Hopefully, with the voice of the people being heard, we are seeing the rise of a pro-social democracy on both sides of the border.

Whatever the outcome, there is a palpable and growing dissatisfaction with our world and the heretofore policies and values that have shaped it. So my theme for this week's installment, is dissatisfaction.

"Ashes of American Flags" by alt-country-rockers-turned-pop/rock-noise-experimentalists Wilco, is a bluesy slog through a grey soundscape. Subtle feedback from an electric guitar begins the song and hovers around it like a depressed bee vainly in search of pollen, but "Ashes" is mostly driven by acoustic instruments. Acoustic guitar and drums act together like a trudging rhythm section while a receding and returning piano gives the song a melody and bass line of sorts. Similar to the piano, a background of electronic white noise recedes from the soundtrack only to come back as the song marches towards a final plunge into waves of discordance.

Like the description of the music suggests, "Ashes of American Flags" ain't no dance music; that the song conveys a sense of unhappiness is evident. The lyrics, too, convey a sad world growing sadder still with its isolated occupants negotiating the material and spiritual conditions of their disenchantment. Primary songwriter Jeff Tweedy sings, "The cash machine / is blue and green / ... I could spend three dollars / and sixty-three cents / on diet Coca-Cola / and unlit cigarettes / I wonder why / we listen to poets / when nobody

gives a fuck / how hot and sorrowful / this machine begs for luck." It is as if the cash machine is a sympathetic silent witness to lonely economic actors withdrawing their cash, attempting to keep an indifferent world at bay. The everyday occurrence of withdrawing cash becomes a poignant instance of our collective disappointment: in a world where "nobody gives a fuck," how are we to find solace in three dollars and sixty-three cents worth of gas station produce? And yet we persist with consuming as a means to fend off despair: "I want a good life / with a nose for things / a fresh wind and bright sky / to enjoy my suffering." Such a paradoxical arrangement of words gives the lie to the largely bought-into assumption that we can buy our way out of unhappiness. But everybody knows deep down that this can never be.

The song winds down with the final words, "I would like to salute / the ashes of American flags / and all the falling leaves / filling up shopping bags." This last image perfectly captures the vanity and emptiness of consumerism, of how everything, in the end, comes to ashes. It is an image that more and more people are beginning to recognize.

Canucks Corner:

Hockey Day in Canada Edition

Stephanie Smith, OP Sports Editor and Cry Baby

Okay kids, I will admit to you this: I love the Canucks, I really do. I must, as I write this column every week. But one thing you should all know is this; I was born in Southern Ontario and my first love is not the Canucks, but the Toronto Maple Leafs. Yeah, I am a filthy stinking Leafs fan. You are free to stop reading now. Or to find me in some hallway and throw things at me. Don't worry I am used to it. Anyway, imagine my excitement when the Leafs played the Canucks on January 13.

It started as excitement anyway.

I had this brilliant idea to invite all my Canucks fan friends over to watch the game with me. Game? I meant slaughter. The Canucks played fabulously. The Leafs played like they were hung over. As amazing as Roberto Luongo was, Raycroft was equally awful. While Luongo managed to stop 35 of 36 shots, Toronto's so-called goaltender stopped 15 of 21. Vancouver also managed to up the ante with an unstoppable power play. They were 5 for 10 on the power play. Five! When was the last time the Canucks scored a *single* power play goal, let alone five of them?

Players that have been in slumps managed to use this game as a way out of that slump. Naslund scored another goal, showing us that it was not just a fluke last time 'round. Pyatt scored his first goal in more than a dozen games against the Leafs, showing us that he does have some talent and it was not just a Carter-like symbiotic relationship with the Sedins that made him able to score.

As I sat there and watched the lovely Canucks score goal after goal, and play a game that made them look like superstars I cried. I cried because deep down inside I am still a Leafs fan. I huddled under my Leafs blanket, pulled my old Gary Roberts Leafs jersey up over my face, and plugged my ears—so as to ignore the array of insults and jeers flowing my way from the mouths of my friends. The pain of it all was almost unmanageable. I could see the joy in their eyes, through the tears in my own. I envied it. And I probably deserved it. Leafs fans are notoriously cocky. I know I was. And you know what? Next time these two teams meet, nothing will change. I will gather them all together in the hopes that I can be the one to gloat and they can feel what I felt. But, that's hockey eh? And I wouldn't change a thing.



Royals Survive Grizzly Attack

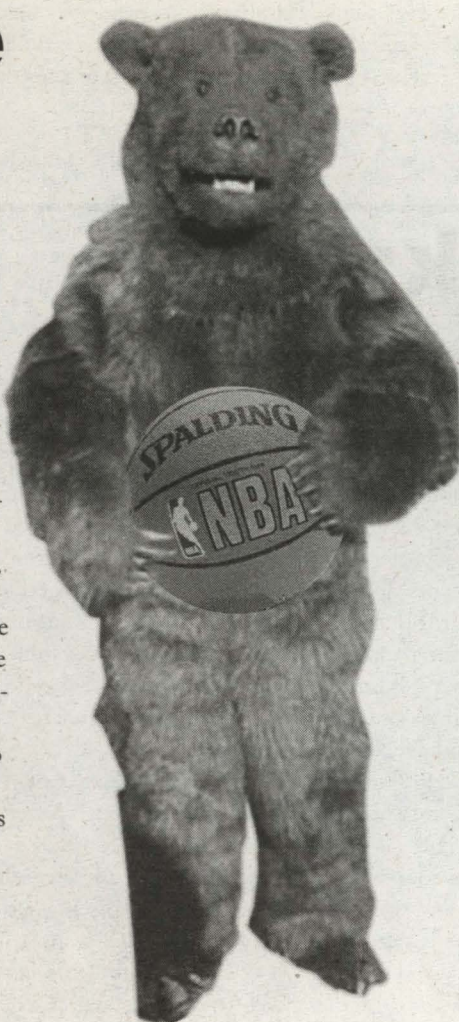
Douglas College Athletics

The Douglas College Royals volleyball teams returned to action this past weekend as they hosted the College of New Caledonia Kodiaks. Fresh off their Christmas season break, the women were ready to go as they defeated the University of Guelph and Fraser Valley in straight sets in the Okanagan Holiday Tournament in Kelowna, BC. However, the Kodiaks would prove to be a little more difficult than expected.

After a tough 3-1 victory on Friday, the Royals found themselves in a Grizzly attack as they were pushed to the fifth and deciding set. After leading two sets to one after the third match, the Royals fell short on closing out the match in the fourth, as CNC managed to lock it up at 2 sets apiece. In the final set, the Royals were able to regroup and pull out the victory by a score of 15-9. The weekend's victories places the Royals' in sole possession of fourth place in the BCCAA league standings.

On the men's side, the Royals got two much needed wins to keep their drive alive for a playoff spot. With an impressive showing in Calgary against top teams in the country, the Royals were ready to go against the Kodiaks as they defeated CNC 3-0 on Friday night and 3-1 on Saturday afternoon.

This Saturday, the volleyball teams will travel to Kelowna to play against the Okanagan Lakers. Both games will be tough ones as both the Okanagan men's and women's teams are ranked nationally; 5th and 3rd respectively.



Douglas Sports Corner

Calendar of Upcoming Games

Badminton:

Tournament vs. Malaspina. Takes place in Nanaimo January 27-28.

Men's Basketball:

Home game vs. Camosun Chargers. Game takes place in New Westminster Friday Feb. 2 - 8:00pm.

Home game vs. Camosun Chargers. Game takes place in New Westminster Saturday Feb. 3 - 4:00pm.

Women's Basketball:

Home game vs. Camosun Chargers. Game takes place in New Westminster Friday Feb. 2 - 6:00pm.

Home game vs. Camosun Chargers. Game takes place in New Westminster Saturday Feb. 3 - 2:00pm.

Men's Volleyball:

Home game vs. UCFV Cascades. Game takes place in New Westminster Friday Jan 26 - 7:45pm.

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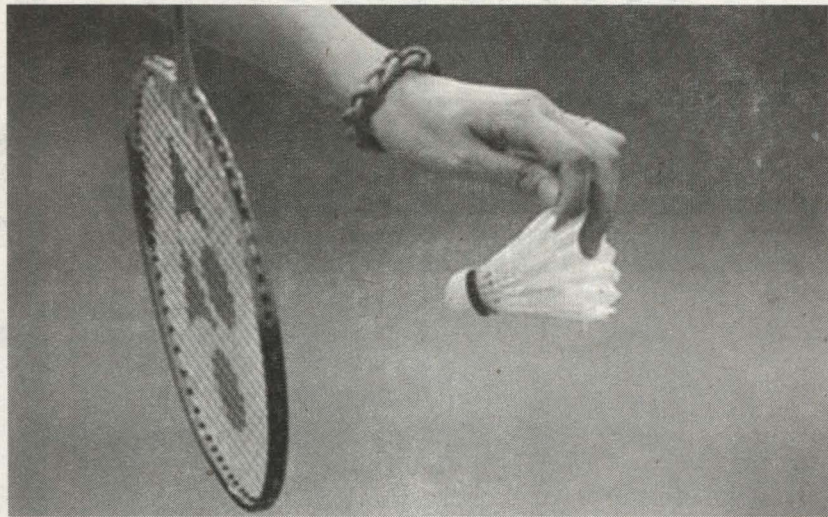
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Royals Win Langara Opener

Douglas College Athletics

After winning three national titles last year, the Douglas College badminton team was out to match their success. In team play, the Royals went undefeated with a 6-0 record, a perfect 30 wins, and no losses in the round robin team competition. Strong performances were shown by everyone with returning team captain, Lyndsay Thomson, leading the way. In the individual events, Thomson continued her winning streak from last season in singles and doubles with partner Charmagne Yeung. Lyndsay was a perfect 11 - 0 on the weekend. Men's and Ladies doubles were dominated with Douglas placing first and second in each event, including a well played match between Thomson and Yeung and new additions Jessy Sung and Melodie Liang. Yeung also partnered with Andy Cheong to take second place in mixed doubles with team-mates Alvin Lau and Melodie Liang coming in third. Newcomers Chris Lee and Richard Liang finished a respectable second and third beaten only by last year's national champion, Kiran Bogavelli, of Capilano College. The team now prepares for the next competition in two weeks time in Nanaimo.



Athletes of the Week

Douglas College Athletics

Graeme McCallum

Men's Basketball

Graeme is in his second year in the BCCAA. After spending his 2005-06 season at Capilano, Graeme made the switch to the Royals for this current season. Over the Christmas holidays, Graeme was named MVP at the Kwantlen Invitational.

His first game back after sitting out the first semester, Graeme and his Royals made the grueling trip to Prince George for a pair of road games. On Friday night Graeme scored a remarkable 41 points including 4 for 4 from 3-point range. He also added 9 rebounds and 3 assists. On Saturday night he helped a balanced Douglas attack which saw the Royals win 102-59. He contributed 13 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 assists. Graeme was also given the task of guarding UNBC all-star guard Jay Gladish and was able to hold him to 14 and 13 points respectively, well under his 22.5 point per game average.

Andy Cheong

Badminton

Andy is a first year player from Coquitlam. He had an outstanding first tournament representing Douglas College. Andy was a perfect 6 - 0 in Men's Doubles and a 6 - 1 in Mixed Doubles, losing the only match to teammates Alvin Lau and Melody Liang.



Lyndsay Thomson

Badminton

Lyndsay is back for her second year at Douglas College. This 5'7" Victoria native is currently riding an unbeaten streak that goes back to last season. She is once again named team captain providing leadership on and off the court.

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WORD ON THE STREET

BY ANGEL DESJARLAIS

"What do you think of the DSU's finances being put into receivership?"



Ryan - 1st year Sciences

"This doesn't really affect me, since I can't control the fees anyway. I have no choice but to pay them, but they should be doing what they're supposed to with our money."



Hasib - 3rd year Criminology

"The whole scandal is unfortunate. It doesn't make the DSU or Douglas College look good. Hopefully they'll be able to figure something out and introduce preventative measures so this kind of thing doesn't happen again."



Pamela - 1st year Print Futures Program

"Receivership is an appropriate course of action given the uncertain history of the DSU. It's for their benefit as well as ours."

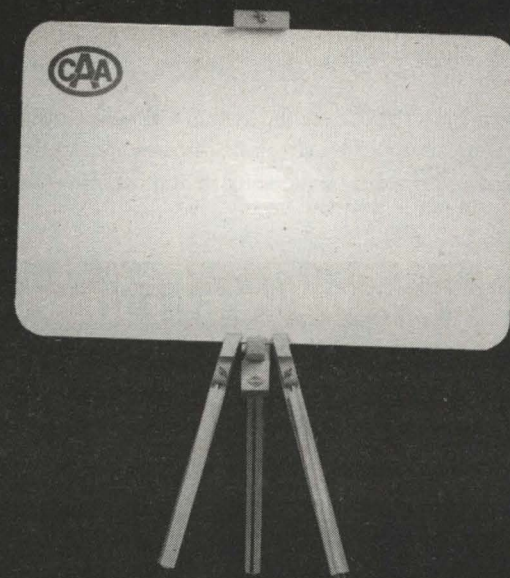


Danielle - 2nd year Associate of Arts

"This scandal is insane! Receivership is a good idea and will straighten things out. I hope things will get better for them and us. For now, I'm glad they've released some of the funds."

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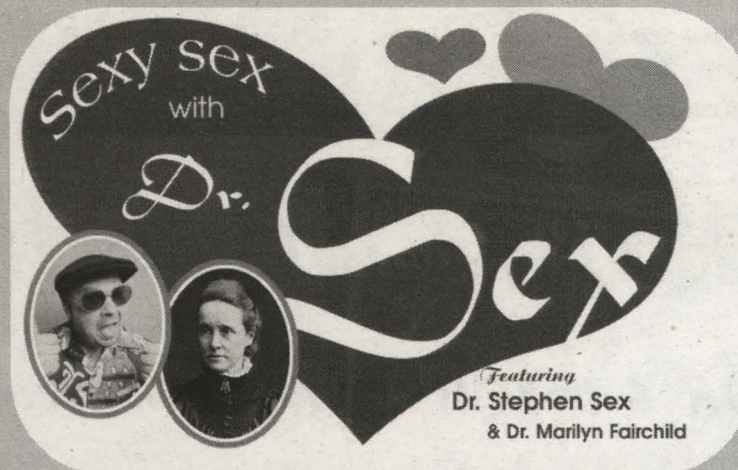
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Dear Dr. Sex: As a middle-aged man, sex does not come as often as it used to for me. Well, honestly, it has never come often for me. Now keep in mind that I am not a kinky fellow, but a few weeks ago I had a harrowing experience that has affected me deeply. I was trapped on a local ski hill overnight, after an avalanche swept me downhill. I obviously survived, and while there I built my girlfriend and I a snow cave shelter while we awaited rescue. Now, whether it was the adrenaline coursing through me, or the threat of the unknown, I am not sure. But that night I kept my girlfriend warm in the snow cave in some of the kinkiest ways imaginable. My problem is that now I must be enclosed in a small space in order to get off. At first thrilled, my girlfriend is beginning to tire of doing it in the closet. How do I wean myself from my newfound fetish?

Jolly Romp.

Dr. Sex: JR, I believe that I would diagnose you with 'Clauster-fuck-ia'.

Dr. Fairchild: I heard that this condition was called 'Clauster-frolick'.

Dr. S: Well, whatever this gentleman's problem is, he needs help. But how do you calm a fetish down once it has enslaved your pleasure?

Dr. F: "Enslaved your pleasure"? Dr. Sex, this isn't a romance novel, this is a sex column! But, as silly as that sounds, fetishes can begin to rule your bedroom activities, and this becomes unfortunate when your partner does not feel the same way. It is unlikely that you can influence her enough to create the same sense of fetish in your partner, so it may be

hard to convince her to enjoy all the closet action she has been getting since your outdoor adventure.

Dr. S: ...I'm curious whether he had this fetish before or not, because he may have caused the avalanche on purpose in order to strand them in a snow cave!

Dr. F: Very doubtful, doctor. I would say that aversion may be the only way to 'wean' you from the closet, JR. Do things that are uncomfortable for you while in there, and the small spaces may not turn you on as much as they did before.

Dr. S: Out of the snow cave and into the closet...my girlfriend would be upset, too!

Dr. F: This may be just a phase you are going through, as this is a very recent and memorable event. Just remember that even if you are really into 'clauster-frolicking,' your girlfriend may not be, and doing the things that keep her happy as well are the key to keeping the relationship healthy. That really goes for any relationship, fetish or not...Dr. Sex is not as familiar with those ideals as I am. Dr. Sex may be a graduate of action, but it was all self-employed...

Dr. S: Hey, I have no complaints with myself! Join us next week as we melt more snow between our loins! And keep those emails coming!

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